

**Regular Meeting of City Council
New Ellenton Community Center
MINUTES
Monday, Dec. 20, 2021 7:00 PM**

WELCOME: Ron Reynolds

INVOCATION: Pastor Debra Creech

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All Stood

SWEARING INTO OFFICE MAYOR AND NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS:

***Swearing-in of Mayor Elect Kimberly Williams & Council members Kendrick Patterson, James R. Foster, & Elvira Johnson-Holley by Representative Bill Taylor**

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

***David Alexander-** Football season is complete and uniforms will be laundered after receipt of the last few outstanding. The press box/announcer's booth should be completed this week. Blue Devils won "Best Float" in the New Ellenton Christmas Parade. The 1st Tee Program will begin in February and flyers/info will be posted and available at City Hall. Recreation department will be offering a life/golf skills/tutoring program for grades 1-4 and more information will be available at a later time.

***Angela Fleming-**Resident of The Pines Subdivision-Would like to hear from the builder before council agrees to contract or moving forward with plans to allow new build.

***Shaquita Johnson-**What are the requirements for the tutoring program? Some children outside of that grade range may need assistance with all of the issues they may have had due to Covid and virtual learning.

***Pastor Debra Creech-** Certified Allied Instructor in Medical Billing/Coding & Life skills/adult education will be offered free of charge to the community and program will be in need of volunteers. If interested, please, call 803-270-3891 & availability is anytime.

***Michelle Springstein-** Resident of The Pines Subdivision-Covenant states that you can't rent your home to anyone.

***Mr. Springstein-** Resident of The Pines Subdivision-Questioned if the city is responsible for water issues, Eagle Rd. traffic issues and will these concerns be addressed?

***Chief Parks-**Police Department now has much needed ranking order. Sgt. Mitchell was promoted to Lt. position.

***Chief Kellems-** Mentioned the need for the fire department to know the proposed height of the townhomes that may be built as they are not required with ISO rating to have a ladder truck & height of homes may require a ladder truck in case of emergency.

***Roger Leduc-**SC DOT bid will be released for signal light to be put @ Eagle Rd.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Nov.15, 2021- Regular Meeting

Motion to approve: Ron Reynolds

2nd to the motion: Carl Culpepper, III

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

Nov. 29, 2021 Special Meeting

Motion to approve: Ron Reynolds

2nd to the motion: Carl Culpepper, III

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 1st Reading of Ordinance to Amend the Planned Development Zone at "The Pines" Subdivision in the City of New Ellenton, South Carolina
Motion to approve: Carl Culpepper, III
2nd to the motion: Kendrick Patterson
There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval to TABLE until 1/18/22; Pre-meeting @6:30pm for builder & The Pine Residents

2. Discussion of Fire Department Grant
Motion to approve: Rickey Foster
2nd to the motion: Kendrick Patterson
There was a 6 person vote in favor of approval of grant agreement for \$50,000 from the county to be used to pay down debt for station #4 on Colbert Bridge Rd.

3. Update on Sewer Survey
4. Vote to amend agenda
Motion to approve: Jason Morgan
2nd to the motion: Carl Culpepper, III
There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval amending agenda to add #5 & #6

5. **Committee Selection**-***Committee selection listing attached**
Motion to approve: Kendrick Patterson
2nd to the motion: Elvira Johnson-Holley
There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

6. **Mayor pro tem**
Motion to approve: Jason Morgan
2nd to the motion: Kendrick Patterson
There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval for Carl Culpepper, III

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL

***Kim Williams-** The city owns the roads. Questioned if the construction company will come back to fix the roads after completion.-*Roger replied, "City will need to fix certain areas, but council may ask construction company to repair the roads as a stipulation. A bond will need to be done so work completion is determined and bond released at that time."

***Faye Durham-** Questioned if builder agreed to conditions-*Roger replied, "New conditions/concerns can be discussed with builders. The meeting with zoning committee and builders where there were issues brought to them during that time were addressed."

Reached all goals set for previous year; tennis court resurfacing, new basketball goals, swing set and football/soccer goal installed.

***Kendrick Patterson-** More lights are needed in The Pines.-*Roger replied, "If lights are needed in existing area, the city will be responsible for paying for the lights."

***Carl Culpepper, III-** The width of the street is an issue for fire truck to navigate through The Pines if there are cars parked on the road.-*Roger replied, "The width of the street will be the same as existing, but the addition of sidewalks/garages may help with cars being moved out of the street."

***Elvira Johnson-Holley-** Questioned the timeline for building to begin-*Roger replied, "In the Spring."

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to approve: Kendrick Patterson

2nd to the motion: Jason Morgan

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval to go into Executive Session

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Legal Issue
City Administrator

*The council ended the executive session at 9:10 with Carl motioning to come out and seconded by Jason. The mayor stated no action was taken.

*Jason made a motion to allow the mayor to sign an employment agreement with Kenny Cook for \$50/hour effective December 20, 2021. It was seconded by Carl and approved unanimously. At 9:41 PM Faye made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Jason and approved unanimously

INFORMATION:

Supporting materials attached:

Ordinance No. 1-18-22
Grant Agreement



City Clerk/Signature/Date



Mayor/Date